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The writer's family has never been very partial to bear's meat, but last Sunday when enjoying dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bakker, we were given a very tasty treat in the form of generous servings of meat loaf made by Mrs. Bakker from bear's meat. Maybe we were slightly hesitant in sampling the first mouthful, but after one taste there was no more hesitation. Never have we eaten more delicious meat loaf than that made from the bear which had fattened on the Bakker apples.

Fish and wild berries in the summer, and game in the fall add many appetizing items to Lincoln county menus. Our own worst trouble is to find the time to go out after these good things. Of course there are also little matters of finding the berries, landing the fish and connecting with the game when we do get out!

Old Deacon Jones of The Whittle & Spit Club made a special call the other day to tell us not to become conceited because so many people are speaking and waving to us on the streets now-a-days. Said the Deacon: "It always happens that-way on an election year!"

Senator Wheeler does not have the unanimous support of Montana democrats, and of course there are many republicans who are opposed to him on strictly party lines. However the veteran Senator is going to develop a whale of a lot of support from voters in both parties who, while not agreeing with all of his ideas, do consider him a valuable restraining influence in the Senate.

While "The Land of Plenty" continues to go on shorter and shorter food supplies, our neighbors to the north are enjoying good food, conveniences for the home and something of pre-war living.

It begins to look now as though even here in Libby people may have to form bread lines to obtain the "staff of life." This condition exists not in logging countries alone, but also in the heart of the wheat belt where splendid crops have been harvested annually for years and prospects are bright for the coming harvest.

No, it is not because of failure of the country to produce a plenty to supply all; rather it is the result of governmental regulations and restrictions which have been and are stifling all business and taking away from the masses their blood-bought heritage of liberty.

While blaming the government for foregoing conditions, we must not lose sight of the fact that we, ourselves as citizens, have aggravated and added to the unrest and troublesomeness of the times by our own greed and total disregard of the rights of others. We would seem to have degenerated oftentimes to that condition so aptly described as "dog eat dog."

In many ways the American people retain their old time habits, one of which is enjoying a good "rooking" at a circus; so maybe the irrepressible Yankees will come out on top in the long run—they always have in the past!

Rare Metals

Did you ever hear of titanium, or zirconium, hafnium or indium, barium or cerium? And then there's rhenium, molybdenum, boron, lanthanum, yttrium and gallium and thallium and germanium, gadolinium, uranium, thorium, strontium and beryllium. Well if you have never heard of them, the department of the interior's electrodevelopment laboratory chemists say they are now almost unknown, rare metals which in the future may become familiar to everyone. They have been developed more recently by war usage. For instance, titanium and zirconium have been used as substitutes for stainless steel. Titanium ores are available in almost unlimited quantities. Zirconium is useful as an alloy of copper, such alloys having twice the strength of copper.

Timid Guanaco

The guanaco is the larger of the two wild representatives of the wool-bearing animals of the camel family found in South America. The other is the vicuna, and the two domesticated varieties are the llama and the alpaca. The exceedingly timid guanaco is graceful and appealing in appearance. At maturity its shoulders are nearly four feet above the ground, its legs are long and slender and its neck curved. The long, soft hair is fawn colored on top and white underneath. It lives in herds of 6 to 30 animals and its cry has been described as being "between the belling of a deer and the neighing of a horse."

You Are Standing On Holy Ground, Says Hindu Scholar

By Charles D. Rowe

Here is a paragraph I ran onto in my reading the past week that should hold a real note of interest for the people of this land. It reads:

For decades foreign students have come from other lands to study in our American colleges and universities. Since China's "first hundred" in 1872, the number has expanded to more than 10,000 in 1946, and it is confidently predicted that by 1950 it will have reached 50,000. A group of fifty young students recently arrived from India, met in an Indian restaurant in New York City to relax over familiar food. They were addressed by an Indian scientist long resident in this country. "You are standing on holy ground in this land of Washington, of Jefferson, of Lincoln," he said; "the hope of the world is here or at least three-fourths of it."

"You are standing on hold ground . . . the hope of the world is here!"

And yet there is a strong and active group here in the United States composed of parlor-pinks and wild radicals who are constantly scheming to change this government to one similar to what is found in Europe where there is confusion, tyranny, bloodshed and a pathetically low standard of living.

No wonder the Indian scientist said, after a long residence here, "You are standing on holy ground."

These are dangerous times. The country is in a serious condition. It is badly in need of the highest type of leadership. Swamped with a stupendous debt and with its economy disrupted by the most demanding and most disastrous war in the world's history, the nation stumbles along in confused efforts to return to normal life, to get the industrial machine back into operation, and to again place in the hands of the people the many things they need and for which they have the money to pay.

But this nation-wide confusion isn't bad enough. Now we are treated to another mess where instead there should be the highest integrity and leadership. In recent days the nation has been saddened and exasperated by the eruption into public gaze of a bickering and quarreling within the supreme court of the United States. Justice Jackson has brought into the open a condition within this high court that has existed for some time, so it is said. He charges Justice Black with unethical practices and raises a grave question as to Black's qualifications and impartiality.

This is, to say the least, a deplorable mess. This high court has heretofore been a steadfast bulwark in protection of the people's liberties. Men composing it have been high in professional ability, in judicial temperament and in character. The nation has felt secure in the belief that, on the whole, the court's decisions would be based on fairness and justice. But now Harry J. Brown, writing from Washington for the Spokesman-Review, says: "No longer does the United States supreme court stand on a pedestal, the one arm of the government for

which the entire country had reverence."

Brown goes on to say: "Never before did any President disregard capabilities and fitness, and award judgeships as though they were the common garden-variety of political plums. That a court of such character should sooner or later become involved in a mess need have occasioned no surprise."

The question arises, wouldn't the nation today be much better off if it still had on the supreme court men of the same high character and ability as the "nine old men" against whom such bitter attacks were leveled a few years ago?

People are frequently coming to me of late and volunteering the statement that "The country is in a terrible mess and there will be no improvement until 'they' are cleaned out," (apparently meaning those in high position in the government).

A man from the Leonia district unburdened his mind to that effect the past week, as did one from Troy a little earlier. A Libby woman made a similar remark Sunday. Others are heard to speak in like vein nearly every day.

"If we were to have a depression this year, the average man couldn't lose his shirt because he doesn't have any."—Iron Age, Ishpeming, Mich.

Some of the veterans of World War II are organizing and have come out with a statement of political principles that include the following:

"To preserve the constitution of the United States."

"To insure the rights of free press, free speech, free worship, free assembly and free elections."

"To provide social and economic security to all."

"To maintain full production and full employment in the United States under a system of private enterprise."

We like those principles. They voice a healthy and vigorous Americanism. We also have always had a genuine admiration for the principles enunciated by that other patriotic organization, the influential American Legion. These men have tasted life in foreign lands, under foreign governments. They return home strongly convinced of the great superiority of our American way of life. We are glad to see them preparing to fight for it here at home.

"Government must be hecked, regardless of temporary distress to individuals, if our economy is to survive. Bureaucracy is a greater threat than inflation, since it multiplies forever. While all inflationary periods eventually end."—The Bulletin, Chillicothe, Ill.

Rail Quiz

What do the records show as to tonnage transported per freight train, which we have read is the largest ever?

The average freight train in the United States in 1944 carried 1,138 tons of freight, a new all-time high. This compares with 1,116 in 1943 and 651 in 1921.

Hotel Growth

The change of the wayside inn—which was an integral part of life centuries ago—into the modern luxury hotel was a gradual process in this country. Until the beginning of the 19th century, 30 rooms had been the maximum size for an American inn. In early Colonial days, in spite of their limited size, the public inns played an important part in the national life and were second only to the meeting house as a focus for community life and warm refuge for the traveler. Communities had a vital interest in the public house. In 1656, for example, the general court of Massachusetts made towns liable to a fine if they did not maintain a public house or "ordinary." American inns in pre-Revolutionary days kept pace with those of Britain and were generally modeled on the London style.

Seed Production

Ever since World War I the U. S. has been growing more of its own vegetable seeds than it did before. But the requirements of the United Nations forced U. S. growers to make "phenomenal efforts." In prewar years the average three-year production of the large seeded vegetables such as peas, beans and sweet corn was about 100 million pounds, in 1943 and 1944 the average was nearly 300 million pounds. The three-year average production of small vegetable seeds was formerly about 10 million pounds, the 1944 production was more than 35 million pounds. The four leading biennial seed crops, beets, cabbage, carrots and onions, in 1944 showed production of nearly 4½ times the prewar average.

See Better Dogs In Artificial Breeding

Substantial improvement in the quality of America's—and the world's—dogs in the post-war period as the result of advances in the science of artificial breeding, is predicted by the Games Dog Research Center, New York City.

Fewer but better dogs will serve large numbers of females at great distances and poorly accessible places. A trained individual, most likely a veterinarian, will effect the

transfer of the life-element of the desired great sire from its airmail tube to the selected female without risk of injury or death to either animal in shipment.

The Center is planning as soon after the war as possible an exchange of the sperm of the most desirable studs in the United States with those of Great Britain, Russia and perhaps other countries.

The war interrupted a number of artificial breeding experiments in progress both here and abroad but these are expected to be resumed with the cessation of hostilities.

Our Great America by Mack



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